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1. A method for the prevention or treatment of retinopathy which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such prevention or treatment an amount of a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor sufficient to prevent or treat retinopathy.
  2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the retinopathy comprises diabetic retinopathy.
  3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
  4. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises diabetic macular edema.
  5. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the diabetic retinopathy comprises preproliferative or proliferative diabetic retinopathy.
  6. A method according to Claim 2 for the prevention of diabetic retinopathy in a diabetic not suffering from diabetic retinopathy which comprises administering to said diabetic an amount of a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor sufficient to prevent diabetic retinopathy.
  7. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the retinopathy comprises a vascular retinopathy.
  8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises branch retinal vein occlusion.

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10. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the vascular retinopathy comprises sickle cell retinopathy.

12. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered ophthalmically to the eye or eyes.

14. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is administered orally.

15            16. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is dorzolamide.

18. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the carbonic anhydrase  
20 inhibitor is brinzolamide.

26. A method according to Claim 15, wherein the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is dorzolamide or brinzolamide.

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